IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A steel product with high HIC resistance for use as a line pipe, comprising in mass %:

C: 0.03% to 0.15%, Si: 0.05% to 1.0%, Mn: 0.5% to 1.8%, P: 0.015% or less, S: 0.004% or less, O (oxygen) : 0.01% or less, N: 0.007% or less, sol. Al: 0.01% to 0.1%, Ti: 0.024% or less, and Ca: 0.0003% to 0.02%, the balance consisting of Fe and impurities,

~~the size of TiN inclusion in said steel product being at most~~ wherein five regions of 1 mm^2 on a section of said steel product are observed, ten largest exposed TiN inclusions are selected for each of the observed regions, major axes of the selected TiN inclusions are measured, and a size of the TiN inclusion defined as the average of the measured major axes is from 10 μm to 30 μm.

2. (original) The steel product according to claim 1, further comprising at least one of Cu: 0.1% to 0.4%, and Ni: 0.1% to 0.3%.

3. (previously presented) The steel product according to claim 1, further comprising:

at least one of Cr: 0.01% to 1.0%, Mo: 0.01% to 1.0%, V 0.01% to 0.3%, B 0.0001% to 0.001%, and Nb 0.003% to 0.1%.

4. (canceled)

5. (previously presented) The steel product according to claim 2, further comprising:

at least one of Cr: 0.01% to 1.0%, Mo: 0.01% to 1.0%, V: 0.01% to 0.3%, B: 0.0001% to 0.001%, and Nb: 0.003% to 0.1%.

6. (currently amended)A line pipe with high HIC resistance comprising in mass %:

C: 0.03% to 0.15%, Si: 0.05% to 1.0%, Mn: 0.5% to 1.8%, P: 0.015% or

less, S: 0.004% or less, O (oxygen): 0.01% or less, N: 0.007% or less, sol. Al: 0.01% to 0.1%, Ti: 0.024% or less, and Ca: 0.0003% to 0.02%, the balance consisting of Fe and impurities,

~~the size of TiN inclusion in said steel product being at most~~ wherein five regions of 1 mm^2 on a section of said steel product are observed, ten largest exposed TiN inclusions are selected for each of the observed regions, major axes of the selected TiN inclusions are measured, and a size of the TiN inclusion defined as the average of the measured major axes is from 10 μm to 30 μm.

7. (previously presented) The line pipe according to claim 6, further comprising at least one of Cu: 0.1% to 0.4%, and Ni: 0.1% to 0.3%.

8. (previously presented) The line pipe according to claim 6, further comprising:

at least one of Cr: 0.01% to 1.0%, Mo: 0.01% to 1.0%, V: 0.01% to 0.3%, B: 0.0001% to 0.001%, and Nb: 0.003% to 0.1%.

9. (previously presented) The line pipe according to claim 7, further comprising:

at least one of Cr: 0.01% to 1.0%, Mo: 0.01% to 1.0%, V: 0.01% to 0.3%, B: 0.0001% to 0.001%, and Nb: 0.003% to 0.1%.